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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
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Foreign Patent Documents

1. The potential relevance of PCT Application No. WO 96/03959, German Patent No. 2 218 370, Italian Patent No. 1184922, and Swiss Patent No. 168 279, is set forth in the corresponding English translations submitted herewith.
2. The potential relevance of German Patent No. DD 234608 A1, German Patent No. DE 3421390 A1, German Patent No. DE 3535571 A1, German Patent No. DE 4102684 A1, and Russian Patent No. 1556676 A1, is set forth in the corresponding English language abstracts, submitted herewith.
3. French Patent No. 1.109.131 relates to a massage apparatus.
4. French Patent No. 1.136.127 relates to a medical dermabrasion device.
5. French Patent No. 1.501.054 relates to a massage apparatus for undulatory massage.
6. French Patent No. 2.057.514 discloses a massage apparatus, as depicted in Figures 1-4.

7. French Patent No. 638 309 relates to a massage apparatus that has a valve.
8. German Patent No. DE 9215436 relates to a microabrasion device.
9. German Patent No. 201229 relates to a suction-type massage apparatus.
10. German Patent No. 532 086 relates to a vibrating suction-type massage apparatus.
11. Italian Patent No. 553076 relates to a dermabrasion device.
12. Norway Patent No. 50247 relates to a device for treating the human body with pulsating air pressure.

10. Sweden Patent No. 152 189 relates to a massage apparatus, as depicted in Figures 1 and 2.

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